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SUBJECT: ALLEGED GOC INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

1. TIME CANADIAN EDITION APRIL 14 CITES SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MINISTER DRURY'S TESTIMONY BEFORE COMMONS ESTIMATES COMMITTEE THAT COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH OF NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE. TIME SAYS STATEMENT REVEALS THAT "BRANCH IS ACTUALLY A CODE-BREAKING AND ESPIONAGE OUTFIT."

2. TIME FURTHER QUOTES DRURY: "CANADA'S INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY DOES 'MONITOR HERTZIAN WAVE EMANATIONS' - MEANING RADIO SIGNALS AND LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS - FROM FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN OTTAWA." ARTICLE CONTINUES SAYING CANADA BUGS EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES, AND THAT "SECURITY INSPECTORS AT A MAJOR WESTERN EUROPEAN EMBASSY DISCOVERED EAVESDROPPING DEVICES OF CANADIAN ORIGIN." "...M.P.'S MIGHT ALSO LEARN MORE CONCERNING RCMP 'LIAISON' OFFICERS WHO, UNDER DIPLOMATIC COVER, ARE ACTUALLY OFFICIAL CONTACTS BETWEEN CANADIAN INTELLIGENCE AND THAT OF U.S., BRITAIN, FRANCE AND WEST GERMANY, AND ABOUT OTHER CANADIAN 'UNDERGROUND' AGENTS-SPIES WHO DO IN FACT EXIST ABROAD."

3. FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE IN COMMONS APRIL 9 BETWEEN CONSERVATIVE M.P. PERRIN BEATTY AND ACTING PRIMIN SHARP:
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"BEATTY: MR SPEAKER MY QUESTION IS FOR THE ACTING

PRIME MINISTER, AND IT ARISES FROM A RECENTLY PUBLISHED REPORT THAT THE CANDIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BUGGED THE EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS IN CANADA, AND PARTICULARLY THAT OUR GOVERNMENT HAS BUGGED THE EMBASSYOF A MAJOR WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY.

I ASK WHETHER THIS COUNTRY HAS IN RECENT YEARS BUGGED THE EMBASSY IN CANADA OF A WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY.

"SHARP: MR SPEAKER, THIS IS ONE OF THOSE QUESTIONS WHICH IS VERY DELICATE. I WOULD HESITATE TO GIVE AN ANSWER AT THIS TIME. I BELIEVE THAT MY COLLEAGUE HAS INDICATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME SORT OF PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED WHEREBY WE COULD LOOK AT SECURITY MATTERS, AND I DO NOT THINK IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO DISCUSS THEM ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN THIS WAY.

"BEATTY: ARISING FROMTHE STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER LAST JANUARY THAT, 'WE HAVE NEVER... ENGAGED IN ANY ESPIONAGE ABOARD IN THE SENSE THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN LOOKING FOR INFORMATION IN AN UNDERCOVER WAY IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY.'" AND IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT A REPORT IN THIS WEEK'S (TIME) MAGAZINE DIRECTLY CONTRADICTS THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT, I ASK THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT THAT WE DO NOT ENGAGE IN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES ABROAD STILL APPLIES AND WEHTEHR IT IS ACCURATE.

"SHARP: MR. SPEAKER, CERTAINLY IN MY EXPERIENCE I HAVE HEARD OF NO SPYING ACTIVITIES BY CANADIANS ABROAD. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY FOREIGN ESPIONAGE ORGANIZATION OF ANY KIND, SO I WOULD SAY THAT THE STATEMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER IS ACCURATE."

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